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BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD; KUWAIT PASS DOHA AND MUSCAT; PARIS FOR OECD

EO 11652: ADS (DECON MARCH 27, 1976)

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SUBJ: ABU DHABI OIL PRODUCTION

1. IMMEDIATELY AFTER OAPEC DECISION ANNOUNCED LIFTING
EMBARGO ON US AND DECLARING GERMANY AND ITALY ELIGIBLE
FOR FRIENDLY NATION TREATMENT, UAEG SOUGHT CLARIFICATION
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FROM ITS PET MINISTER MANA AL OTAIBA, AS TO POLICY TO BE

FOLLOWED WITH RESPECT TO INCREASING OIL PRODUCTION. CHARACTERISTICALLY, OTAIBA DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT SOMEWHERE BETWEEN VIENNA AND HIS FAVORITE RECREATION HAUNTS IN CAIRO. NO ONE IN THE UAEG OR AT OIL DEPT WORKING LEVEL WANTED TO ASSUME ONUS FOR INCREASING PRODUCTION TO POSSIBLY EXCESSIVE LEVEL THAT MAY HAVE SUBJECTED UAE TO CRITICISM BY OTHER ARAB STATES. AMONG UAEG POLICY MAKERS, IT WAS FELT THAT QUESTION OF PRODUCTION LEVEL MUST HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED PRIVATELY BETWEEN OIL MINISTERS EITHER AT TRIPOLI OR VIENNA CONFERENCES AND SOME MODUS OPERANDI AGREED UPON, BUT INITIALLY THEY WERE IN THE DARK ABOUT WHAT THAT WAS.

2. OTAIBA FINALLY SURFACED THIS WEEK IN ABU DHABI. SINCE ARRIVAL HE HAS BEEN PEDDLING LINE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HIS COLLEAGUE AND OIL COMPANY REPS THAT PRODUCTION CAN BE RESUMED IMMEDIATELY TO FULL CAPACITY. FOR ABU DHABI THAT MEANS THAT PRODUCTION CAN BE INCREASED FROM PRESENT LEVEL 1.25 MBPD TO APPROX LEVEL 1.9 MBPD (APPROX 55 PERCENT) AT VERY EARLY DATE. HIGHER LEVEL WILL BE ROUGHLY 500,000 BPD GREATER PRODUCTION THAN SEPT 1973 LEVEL. ONLY REAL TECHNICAL PROBLEM NOW IS TIME IT WILL TAKE COMPANIES TO NOMINATE TANKERS TO LOAD OIL. ALSO NEWLY COMMISSIONED 450,000 BPD INCREMENT FROM ADPC'S ASAB FIELD NOT FULLY TESTED UNDER OPTIMUM PRODUCTION CONDITIONS. FOR ABOVE REASONS, IT MAY TAKE 2-3 MONTHS FOR ABU DHABI TO REACH FULL CAPACITY LEVEL OF 1.9 MBPD.

3. COMPANIES HAVE ADVISED EMB, HOWEVER, THAT THEY STILL WARY OF RAISING PRODUCTION BEYOND SEPT 73 LEVEL IN ABSENCE OF WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS FROM OTAIBA. THUSFAR, OTAIBA'S GUIDANCE HAS BEEN STRICTLY ORAL AND HE HAS SHOWN NO DISPOSITION TO REDUCE HIS ORDER TO WRITING.
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